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Story telling is recognized as an important element in healing. To tell a story suggests that the storyteller has hope. And with hope, there is a future.

Forgotten Australians are the children who were brought up in 'care', often institutional care, in the twentieth century. The inadequacies of this care and the adverse impact on the lives of Forgotten Australians have been the subject of a Senate Inquiry (Community Affairs Reference Committee, 2004) and occupied much of the time of the recently completed Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (2017).

The Life Stories Project assists Forgotten Australians to record their story. This story can then be shared with those who are important to the Forgotten Australian.

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THE LIFE STORY OF MR REV COMRADE ROWLEY

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In memory of all survivor  
comrades yesterday and today.  
Never give up changing the world  
for truth, equality and social justice  
whatever that may be.



## Chapter 1: The Origins of my oppression

My legal he/him/his pronoun and legal name always was, always will be Mr Rev Comrade Rowley that aren't titles. On 9th August 1978 I was born in Redcliffe Hospital. I acknowledge the stolen land of the Gubi Gubi people of the Dyungungoo Territory (GubbiGubbiDyungungooGroupInc.). I am a CLACCA ULC ordained transgender male asexual forgotten Australian liberation hermeneutic, Liberation theologian, Liberation ethic clergy activist and Charles Sturt University theology student. I am a survivor of institutionalized abuse born out of adultery and poverty.

The origins of my oppression like all LGBTIQPNGSODA+ oppression "is clearly connected with the rise of the family and of class society, which brought about the subjugation of women." (Brewer, 1995, p. 5) Yet it is also clearly connected with being stolen from my family by the church and the state under the colonialist capitalist invasion of 1788. Lester Clifford Dahl was legally married to Marion Mary Davies/Dahl my stepmother. Lester committed adultery with Susan Virginia Rowley my birth mother that resulted in my 1978 birth in the year of the first Mardi Gras. Under "Queensland Children's Services Act of 1965 (Section 85)" (DOCS Q. , 1978, p. 1), anti sodomy laws of the Queensland Criminal Code of 1900 (Section 208), religious exemptions from the anti-discrimination act, the various church, and state institutions deemed me an illegal birth and stole me from my family. I was denied any legal registration of my birth and illegally baptized without my knowledge. I experienced dead naming transphobic aphobic institutionalized physical, sexual, verbal abuse and denied any Australian citizenship rights.



Above: Susan in Ireland prior to 1958 removal

Susan Virginia Rowley formerly Manners is my Irish birth mother who is an Irish cisgender bisexual former child migrant survivor, born 13th April 1948 in Ireland. Susan's Irish country of birth is not recorded on her birth certificate as the British authority's erased Irish births from former child migrant birth certificates. Susan came from a family of Irish revolutionaries that were active prior to "The troubles" of 1968 to 1998 from a Post war generation of baby boomers. In 1958 the British authorities removed Susan and her brother. They were lied to by the British authorities and were removed by boat for Australia. They were promised they were travelling to a land down under of "oranges and sunshine". When they arrived in Sydney Susan and her brother were separated by the Australian authorities, was brought up in institutionalized and out of home care. Susan called her foster mother, "the Dragon Lady." Susan left care in her teens.



Susan worked in journalism and was an activist. Susan became an unwed mother of five survivor forgotten children whose names are Samantha, Jennifer, Glen Challenor whose deaf/blind, Rev Comrade Rowley (me) and Rebecca who is Aboriginal stolen generation (same mother five different sperm donors). Susan never recovered from being separated from my grandparents. Susan never recovered from being denied marriage rights and being separated from her children.

Marion Mary Davies/Dahl is my step mother who is a cisgender heterosexual born 19th January 1938. Marion came from the Second World War era baby boomer generation. Marion was one of six children who were loved and well cared for by Percival John Davies and Christina Mary Kelly/Davies. Marion couldn't stand her sister Phillis, Marion called "Stinky". Marion was nick named Kate Kelly at school related to her Ned Kelly relatives. Marion had a cousin Frankie who was a transgender female. Marion became a nurse, was engaged to and in love with Ted Spencer. For reasons unknown to this day, Marion broke off her Ted Spencer engagement and married the enemy Lester Clifford Dahl who promised her paradise. Marion gave birth to Eric, Christina, Melissa, Adrian and Jason during her 28 year marriage with Lester Clifford Dahl. Was Marion pregnant before or after Marion got married? Who was Eric's Father? The enemy or Ted Spencer? We don't know without a DNA test. Marion's dream was to have six children and a marriage made in heaven like her parents. Marion needed a hysterectomy when Jason was born as a result of being bashed by Lester too many times.

In the end Marion's and Lester's legal marriage ended in Lester's abuse, adultery, separation of children from mothers and divorce by 24TH December 1984. Marion's last wish when she died in 2005 was for Marion to be acknowledged as the second mother on my birth certificate.



Above: Marion 42 and Rev age 2 1980

## Chapter 2: 1978-1980 My Queensland DOCS custody File

On 23rd August, 5th, 20th October 1978 Director P Hare Redcliffe DOCS Supervising Child Care Officer registered me as a state ward in a dead name and misgender as a "BIRTH/DEATH OF ILLEGITIMATE CHILD...under the age of six years" under "The Queensland Children's Services Act of 1965 (Section 85)". (Report on Child Born Out of Wedlock, 1978, p. 1) My crime being born transgender male asexual out of adultery and poverty. This included an immediate removal from parents, siblings and detainment in custody of Queensland DOCS, Bribie Island Police and St James Anglican Church Kingston for "CHILDREN FOR WHO ASSISTANCE IS BEING SORT...4. The Commonwealth Department of Education and Science

*In December 1978 Mrs. Ridgley Kingston DOCS worker transferred me in a dead name and misgender into the custody of Revd. David Anthony at St James Anglican Church, Kingston.*



Awards Commonwealth Secondary Grants to Children of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent. Please circle the names of any of the above children who may be eligible for this grant.” (QLDDOCS, r\_APP2022-0602 File04, 1978, pp. 1,4). Director P Hare stated, “The Registrar is required to notify the Director forthwith of the receipt of such notice from the occupier of the house or place in which the child is born (or dies). Where such notice has not been received the Registrar should advise the Director from particulars appearing on certificate of birth and this form adjusted accordingly. When the Director has been advised the notice (or Marion 42 and Rev age 2 1980 certificate of birth) should be so endorsed.” (QLDDOCS, r\_APP2022-0602 File08, 1978, p. 2)

On 23rd October 1978 M L Juneward Redcliffe DOCS worker stated “Parents (BLANKOUT) Dead name. Misgender. Born at Redcliffe Hospital. Condition of health – Jaundice”. “(BLANKOUT) at present, (Susan’s) pregnancy adequate puerperal gave for (BLANKOUT) baby dead name, but there is some concern about, the standard of emotional stimulation. (BLANKOUT)” Susan requested, “Contact is to be maintained” but has been denied contact with her children since the 1970s. (QLDDOCS, r\_APP2022-0602 File08, 1978, p. 3) On 9th , 29th November 1978 GD Hall Redcliffe/Brisbane DOCS Supervising Care Officer transferred me to Redcliffe Office. (QLDDOCS, r\_APP2022-0602 File04, 1978, p. 5) On 12th November 1978 Lois Thompson Redcliffe Hospital DOCS social worker/ therapist stated, “(BLANKOUT) had been

prepared (BLANKOUT) to look after child. (BLANKOUT) in perfectly good health. 2 1 2 months ago Redcliffe Office said O.K – wouldn’t say anything. Baby – (Dead name) Baptized by Father Anthony. Doctor very pleased. Flat 22 Shields St Redcliffe last address known. (BLANKOUT) told office (BLANKOUT) gave child to (Father Anthony) they said that’s ok but didn’t take note of address.” (QLDDOCS, r\_APP2022-0602 File07, 1978-1980, pp. 4-5) In 2021 Michael the archivist of South Brisbane Anglican Church verified this Queensland DOCS custody record of me was a fact. On 30th March 1979 D Mullen Brisbane DOCS Adoptions Clerk stated I was transferred from Kingston DOCS to Bribie Island DOCS. (QLDDOCS, r\_APP2022-0602 File05, 1979, p. 2) On 24th, 27th April, 4th June 1979 FR Plummer Brisbane DOCS Director could not verify registration of my birth for either “The Registrar-General Brisbane or “For Departmental purposes” due to DOCS errors of my name and gender. (QLDDOCS, r\_APP2022-0602 File04, 1978, p. 2) On 11th December 1978, 13th , 21st , 28 th February 1979, 6 th February, 21st April 1980 Mrs. VA Ridgley Kingston DOCS Child Care worker and Allan Smith Redcliffe/ Brisbane/Kingston DOCS Supervising Child Care Officer stated Marion was denied legal adoption of me because I was “illegally in the custody of”





Marion who was “no relation to this infant”, “it was not legal for (Marion) to care for an unrelated child under the age of 10 years”, that Marion’s and Susan’s “concern is felt for the future of the child” was creating “difficulties and delays” for DOCS in me being “transferred to Redcliffe Office for any appropriate follow-up” for transfer to DOCS custody out of home care “living on Bribie Island” as I “was being cared for by (Father Anthony at St James Anglican Church Kingston) as Mrs Ridgley “made a home visit and found that the child was in the house with (Father Anthony)...But the shape of (misgender) head seemed slightly abnormal.” (QLDDOCS, r\_APP2022-O602 FileO4, 1978, p. 3) (QLDDOCS, r\_APP2022-O602 FileO7, 1978-1980, pp. 2-3,6) On 23rd October 1978, 6 February 1980, 16th August 1982 Mr S Thimios Brisbane DOCS Crisis Care worker stated between “23 October 1978” and “6 February 1980” I was “Transfer summary from Kingston office to Redcliffe office” in a Dead name, misgender (BLANKOUT) in care of (Father Anthony of St James Anglican Church) as “Concern expressed for (misgender) and follow-up requested. No further on file until now.” (QLDDOCS, r\_APP2022-O602 FileO6, 1978-1982, p. 2

### **Chapter 3: 1980-1984 QLD Rainbow Survivor cross of church and state abuse**

From 1980 my DOCS custody file memory of being dead named, misgendered removed and denied my Australian Citizenship rights under Section 85 of the Queensland Children’s Services Act of 1965 starts.

The authorities did not know where to put me. I was moved from transphobic abusive institution to institution between the church and the state. I was 2 when I was locked up in a rumpus room with my brothers. I don’t know whose house it was. I remember Lester Clifford Dahl staring into my face and screaming at me: “You are nothing but a little illegitimate bastard. You are an abomination of God that must be destroyed. I want you dead. I don’t want you!”

Lester bashed my head against the wall repeatedly. I got a big gash on my head as a result. Lester burned my knees with cigarettes. I got a big gash on my right knee as a result. Lester used his belt as a whip on me repeatedly. I got big slash marks on my back and bum as a result.

The police removed me from my Dahl brothers and placed me in another institution. I remember it because Lester slammed the car door on my fingers repeatedly, screaming at me, “You are being removed to be destroyed. Do not return!” I got broken fingers as a result.

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Queensland DOCS, the Queensland Family law Court of Brisbane, St James Anglican Church Kingston, Queensland police, the Redcliffe Hospital, Bribie Island medical doctor Dr Kevin NG have further records of this injustice happening to me when I was a little boy. Yet to date they have continued to refuse to release all records to me.

When I was two I first realized I am a transgender male asexual the first time I used a toilet and stood to pee. The authorities never accepted who I am. I just knew the truth and didn't want to be forced into being a sexuality and gender I am not.

When I was two or three I first needed glasses. I was trying to read my bible and watch TV. The words and picture was fuzzy. I used my bible as a step ladder. I yanked the cord and the TV smashed on the floor. I was beaten for this. They didn't try and understand why I yanked the cord. Marion asked me why I did that. I said, "I'm sorry Mummy. But I can't see." Marion then got permission from the authorities to take me to an eye specialist.

When I was 5 I was raped by Father David Anthony at St James Anglican Church Kingston. Father Anthony raped me repeatedly every time I was in his custody. I asked him to stop. He didn't. After he had finished, he told me not telling anyone or I would be punished by God. I wanted a shower after he had raped me but he wouldn't let me. Instead, he forced a dress on me and locked me into a bedroom until I acted like "a good little girl". This room was infested with large disgusting cockroaches. I was very scared because they would eat my flesh. I tried running away but escape was impossible.

*Marion often went without food to feed me as a result of being denied maintenance payments from Lester. One time I had to ask the neighbors for help because Marion collapsed on the kitchen floor from lack of food.*

Since 1978 Lester had applied to divorce Marion. On 24 December 1984 at the Queensland Family Law Court in Brisbane Lester divorced Marion to deny her from legally adopting me. Divorce did not change the situation because Queensland DOCS said, "It was not legal to care for an unrelated child under the age of 10 years". (DOCS Q. , APP2015-1212File04, 1980, p. 2). I was only permitted to stay in out of home care with Marion on the conditions that Marion gave up custody of my Dahl brothers. Marion asked what she was supposed to do to stop the church and the state authorities from taking me away without legal ID for me. Lester said, "Not my problem. I told you before. Get rid of that illegitimate little bastard or I will!" On Christmas Eve of 1984 when Marion got the divorce papers Marion threw a brick through Lester's window. Records can be found through the divorce records of Lester Clifford Dahl and Marion Mary Davies.

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Above: 1984 photo of Bribie State Institution

#### Chapter 4: 1984-1987 QLD-SA God forbid Trans boy ace survivor goes to school

In 1984 the Bribie Island education authorities prevented me from going to school because they said I was too stupid to learn. Dr Robert NG said I was not a vegetable but I might be lucky to get a job sweeping up a factory floor without an education. So Marion and I turned up to school in protest until I won the right to go to school. At the time there was a ban on protests because of "Joh Bjelke Petersen's anti-protest laws". (Gleeson, 2019) Yet I didn't stop protesting.

Academically I did well at school, but socially I didn't fit in due to school yard bullies. In 1986 my year 2 teacher Mrs D. Brittan at Bribie State School every time she saw me at school would hit me over the head with a ruler saying, "You are a fucking illegitimate bastard!" and would give me detention. She liked using me for target practice in sport, got the other children to beat me up, always dead named me, misgendered me, never let me use the boy's toilets and never let me wear the boy's uniform. I didn't like sport because I had trouble catching balls, I got prevented from going swimming and I also didn't like being used for target practice.

In mid-1986 there was a tropical storm occurring when Marion and I were removed from Queensland by Queensland DOCs, St James Anglican Church, Jim the Bribie Island Police officer and Lester Clifford Dahl. I was a state ward registered illegitimate birth under Section 85 of the Queensland Children's Services Act of 1965 and Marion was an illegal parent by divorce since 24 December 1984. The authorities came to the flat and said, "Two for the price of one. Feet first or under your own esteem!" If Marion and I didn't leave Queensland immediately Marion would go to jail and I would be detained in Queensland DOCS custody. Then Marion threw a dart at a map of Australia. Marion and I were then put on a bus with two suitcases and an overnight bag by Jim the Bribie Island police officer. Jim the Bribie Island police officer took us to the Queensland border and then left when we entered NSW. We then went from Sydney to Melbourne because my step Grandad Davies, Marion's father was dying of Alzheimer's. Then from Melbourne we went to Adelaide because Marion said we were going wherever the dart landed.

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In Adelaide Marion and I were locked up in a women's shelter for six months by Adelaide DOCS. Living in South Australia didn't change the situation because I was still a state ward registered illegitimate Queensland birth without legal ID and Marion was an illegal parent by divorce. We were not permitted to leave the women's shelter for any reason other than to go to school, church, medical appointments and permanent accommodation. Marion told me the truth about my birth, Susan, the institutions and the legislation that caused the injustice because I kept asking what does illegitimate mean. When Marion told me, I said do you love me? Marion said yes. I said, then I have two mothers, God is my dad and we need to protest to change the laws.

Marion was an atheist who hated the churches who said, "If there is a God. Why did this injustice happen to us?" Marion believed, "the walls of the church would blow up if we entered it." While God is not to blame, this injustice happened to us because of the Queensland illegitimacy laws. There was no court involvement in South Australia because I was still registered as a Queensland State Ward illegitimate birth under Section 85 of the Queensland Children's Services Act of 1965.

From 1987 Adelaide DOCP got Murray Bridge Uniting Church involved in my out of home care with Marion, when Marion got a Murray Bridge Housing Commission property for two reasons. First, because Murray Bridge is a SA DOCP custody location according to their website (DOCPMurrayBridge) Second, because SA DOCP required a legally married couple from a church to be my guardians for me to remain in Marion's out of home care. When we arrived at Murray Bridge train station we met the Uniting Church minister and his wife Mr and Mrs Blanksby that I called Auntie Helen and Uncle John. I spent the weekends at Auntie Helen's and Uncle John's doing bible studies and playing monopoly.

### **Chapter 5: 1987-1991 SA Trans Ace Bible boy protest stops a Bully Pandemic**

From 1987 in Murray Bridge Marion got me two pets, a fox terrier named Missy who died and a Chihuahua named Tessa. Marion taught me how to swim, but never let me near the kitchen, never let me outside to play and slept in the same room as me. Jason Dahl my brother came to stay with us then left. Marion got a nursing job doing respite home care for disabled children.

I completed Years 3-7 at Murray Bridge South Primary School. The HIV/AIDS Pandemic was occurring. Since 15 October 1982 journalist Rev Lester Kinsolving in a White House Press Briefing with former American President Ronald Reagan called HIV/AIDS "the Gay plague". (Lopez, 2016)



Since 15 November 1984 Bob Hawke the former Prime minister required Gay Men “who have had sex with another man in the last 5 years not to give blood and for women to donate blood urgently, due to a dropping number of donors.” (ASC, 2005;2012) So DOCP required me to be tested for HIV/ AIDS on a weekly basis to go to school. That incited transphobic and aphobic dead naming hate bashing to happen to me at school on a daily basis. I was admitted to hospital on two occasions with a dislocated finger and a bleeding groin from being kicked. I collapsed from heatstroke from being denied water and the school got burned down.

From 1988 I had a grade 4 teacher named Mr. Hampel who believed in my writing. Mr Hampel attended a Church called the “Community of Christ” and was loved by students. Mr Hampel encouraged me to join the Junior School Council where I organized protests for the environment, anti-war, safe schools, a come out protest to end the HIV/AIDS pandemic, wrote for the school newsletter, studied in the library completing assignments with good results, had an after school local milk bar job for \$4 per hour in which the boss called me “butch”. Mr.

Hampel applied for me to go to high school but DOCP refused to let me go. So Mr Hampel let me complete High School assignments. Medically and legally I couldn’t come out of the closet because I didn’t have access to puberty blockers, hormones, surgery or legal ID with my male gender and Rev Comrade Rowley name on it. I could only socially transition with standing to pee in the toilets, binding of my chest, short hair, dressing in boys clothes and doing boys things.

My social transition caused problems with DOCP. There were two responses to transgender male asexuals: criminal or mental health. They decided conversion therapy for me. This involved a counsellor with no medical credentials suppressing my transgender male asexuality by prescribing me estrogen and telling me once a week that my transgender male asexuality was “a result of abuse and childhood trauma, or otherwise a result of the person’s environment and upbringing.” (About Conversion Therapy, 2021) That if I refused to comply with biological feminine anatomy and didn’t get a boyfriend I was going to hell. My response was to rebel.



Above: 1988 photo of Murray Bridge South Primary School

In 1991 I graduated from primary school. In 1992 I went to Murray Bridge High School. Marion met Allan through parents without partners. Prior to Allan, Marion had a short fling with Bill in about 1988. Bill took us to the Northern Territory to see my sister Christina and to NSW to see my sister Melissa but got in trouble for not getting DOCS permission. Bill broke up with Marion because he didn't accept who I am and fought with Marion.

Allan's spouse had died of cancer and was a member of the Uniting Church. Marion's oppression "was institutionalized through the family system" (McDonald, 1992; 1997, p. 19) Allan oppressed Marion when Allan told Marion to quit her nursing job and give up her housing commission to move in with Allan. This caused Marion to "cease to have an independent place in social production." (McDonald, 1992; 1997).

Allan oppressed me when he went on a transphobic aphobic campaign to exclude me from Marion's life and sexually abused me. It began after we moved into Allan's house. Allan dead named me, misgendered me, excluded me from living with Marion inside the house to living in Allan's garage with the animals. Allan forced me to go through the doggy door for meals, a shower, laundry, always kept the door locked, asked me about my sex life and I told Allan to stop.

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## Chapter 6: 1992 SA-VIC High school drama king stops transphobic aphobic abuse

In 1992 the move to Allan's meant I had to travel two hours by bus each way to high school and I couldn't work at my after school job in the milk bar. Allan forced me to go through the garbage at the sporting oval next door for bottles and cans for money for the bus and lunch to go to school. Allan found and read my secret diary, I told him to stop and then hid my secret diary in a secret locker. Allan tried to force me to wear girl clothes that were either too big or too small for me and I told Allan to stop. Allan refused to let me cut my hair and I hated it. Allan began perving on me in the shower and in the garage and I told Allan to stop. Allan began sexually assaulting me in the shower and the garage and I told Allan to stop. Yet Allan didn't stop abusing me.

My response was smoking with the cool kids in high school who called me Sherlock. One day Allan found cigarette butts outside of the back of the garage. Allan tried to black mail me by saying he won't tell Marion about my smoking if I don't tell Marion about him abusing me. So I told Larry my best friend from High school about the abuse. Larry told me to tell Marion. I told Marion about my smoking and the abuse. Marion then told Allan to stop the transphobic abuse of me. We tried to report the abuse to the police but they told us to go away.

In 1992 Allan moved Marion and me to Victoria because Allan promised Marion he wouldn't abuse me again. I called Allan a liar. Then I called Larry who offered for me to live with her family, but I didn't want to leave Marion. Then I called Auntie Helen and Uncle John who didn't report the abuse to the authorities. They told me I had to go with Marion and Allan to Victoria because I was still a registered state ward illegitimate birth under section 85 of the Queensland Children's Service's Act 1965. Allan drove Marion and me to Seymour a regional town





Above: 1992 "Smithy" Production

near an army base about an hour and a half's drive from Melbourne. Allan continued to sexually abuse me. One day, Marion heard me call out, "Stop!" Marion came in, saw what was happening, told the Victorian child welfare department, what was happening, but they did nothing. We tried to report it to the police, but they told us to, "Go away." DOCS then moved Marion and me out of Allan's House. Then I cut my hair. We initially lived in a private rental that had big rats until Marion got public housing. Later we heard, via a news report, that Allan had committed suicide. Allan was found dead in his car with a hose inside the car connected to the exhaust and all the windows closed.

Marion enrolled me in Seymour Technical High School in year 8. The school didn't have a safe school's program, had transphobic gender binary policies and a compulsory school uniform policy. I was forced to wear the girl's uniform which was a tunic and I refused to go to school. Marion said, "Go to school and complete my education."

On my first day there were several transphobic bullies who said to me, "If you hang around with them you won't have any friends." Them being my comrades who accepted me without prejudice. We became comrades when the transphobic bullies beat us up every day at school. We went on strike from playing sport because we didn't want to be used for target practice.

We enrolled in a drama class as an alternative to sport. The drama class had been in the Rock Eisteddfod and was putting on a play, "Smithy" that was a high school drama. My female comrades and I played boy student roles because there was a shortage of boys. Then the boys played girl student roles. The school's response was to threaten suspension. So the majority of the high school turned up in support on opening night in protest. The school relented. The school maintained a compulsory uniform policy but allowed me to wear pants and do electrical work as a subject. I was granted permission by Marion to stay overnight at my comrades houses.

## Chapter 7: 1993-1999 VIC-QLD-VIC

### Lest we don't forget

In 1993; I was 15, in year 9 when a Queensland DOCS worker called me about Lester dying of asbestos poisoning. They made threats to arrest Marion for the illegal custody of a child not related to her and to lock me up in an institution if we didn't return to Queensland. In Brisbane Lester called me who confirmed he was dying of asbestos poisoning who told me to visit him. Lester refused to sign my paperwork, refused to answer my questions and only expressed hatred against me. I told Lester, "You're not my father. Go to hell!" Lester said, "You're exactly like your mother." Marion and I then left.

Marion said to me, "Why can't you forgive a dying man?" I said, "Mum wake up. He is still evil." I don't know who attended Lester's funeral because I didn't go and neither did Marion. I do know that Lester died in a Hospital at Caboolture 13 Dec 1993, was buried on top of his Father Alfred Nelson Dahl at Nambour Lawn Cemetery, "Helen Joycelyn Wale" was the Executor and Trustee of his last Will, left everything to his second wife Herminia Magno Dahl and Eric Lester John Dahl my oldest step brother. In Lester's will there was no mention of my two mothers Marion or Susan or of Christina, Melissa, Adrian, Jason or me.

In 1994, I was 16 when DOCS moved Marion and me to Springwood. DOCS stole my beloved dog Tessa from me when I was at school one day because they said I couldn't have a dog. So I ran away, but was returned by the police. Marion enrolled me at Springwood High school. The Principle put me in Year 11 based on my academic history. I was permitted to wear a tie and do boys subjects.

DOCS then moved Marion and me to Kingston. Marion struggled financially because she got cut off by the Keating ALP Government from receiving welfare payments for me. I had to get a casual job at Kmart in which DOCS controlled my wages. I had difficulty obtaining a Medicare card, Centrelink ID, Centrelink income, opening a bank account, enrolling to vote, getting a driver's license, a Tax file number without a legal birth certificate. I studied Year 11/12 through the Brisbane School of Distance Education but was not permitted my HSC without a legal birth certificate.

In 1995, I was 17 and DOCS moved us to Bribie Island. I worked as a Deli Assistant Manager in which DOCS controlled my wages. On weekends I joined the Bribie Island Theatre Company at the local church hall.

In 1996, just before I turned 18 I was permitted supervised visits with my deaf brother Glen. My step brother Adrian drove me to Caboolture to study drama on Monday nights. I discovered my stepbrothers Jason and Adrian had difficulty accepting I am born a transgender male asexual when Marion asked them why they couldn't accept who I am. On my 18th birthday I was released from being a state ward registered illegitimate birth. Marion and I became homeless. Marion went to Victoria to look after my step Nana her mother. I lived with one of Marion's friends.

In 1997 I quit the deli job, left Bribie Island and went to Victoria. I worked at Bilo, lived with Marion, joined the Werribee Theatre Company, and did community TV acting. In 1998-1999 I studied the Meissner Technique at the Actor's Playhouse, Film/TV Geelong, joined the MEAA, studied Jazz/tap dancing at Kicks Dance Studio, got an agent, did paid acting work in Film/TV, taught children's acting and got involved in the No Toxic Dump Werribee campaign and had a tonsillectomy.



In 1999 Melbourne I lost my agent and left Marion when I had a relationship with a queer sex worker. We broke up because they had substance abuse issues and used my head as a punching bag.

On 6 January 2000 the Registrar of Victorian Births Deaths and Marriages gave me a change of name certificate but it was issued in an F with a dead name from Queensland DOCS records. In 2000 I completed a Certificate IV in Festive Arts at Victoria University. In 2001 my dance teacher Angel helped me to flee to Sydney. Then I fell five metres from a cliff at Coogee Beach and fractured my pelvis. In 2004 Marion sadly died of an aneurism and I did go to the funeral.

### **Chapter 8: 2001-present NSW Pride in protest for God's rainbow survivor revolution**

In 2001 at the Sydney Actor's Pulse I studied The Meissner Technique. In 2002 at Nirimba TAFE I completed a Cert III in Community Services Youth Work. In 2003-04 at OTEN I completed my HSC. In 2005 at Meadowbank TAFE I completed a Diploma Communications & Media with Distinction was elected Editor in Chief of TAFE Student Newspaper Carpe Diem's TAFE-IT-AWAY.

In 2001-2005 I fled from conversion therapy that involved a cisgender heterosexual male with substance abuse issues who raped me, physically hit me and had an abortion when I fell pregnant from the rape. I reported it to the police but they did nothing. So in 2006 I fled to university and became homeless.

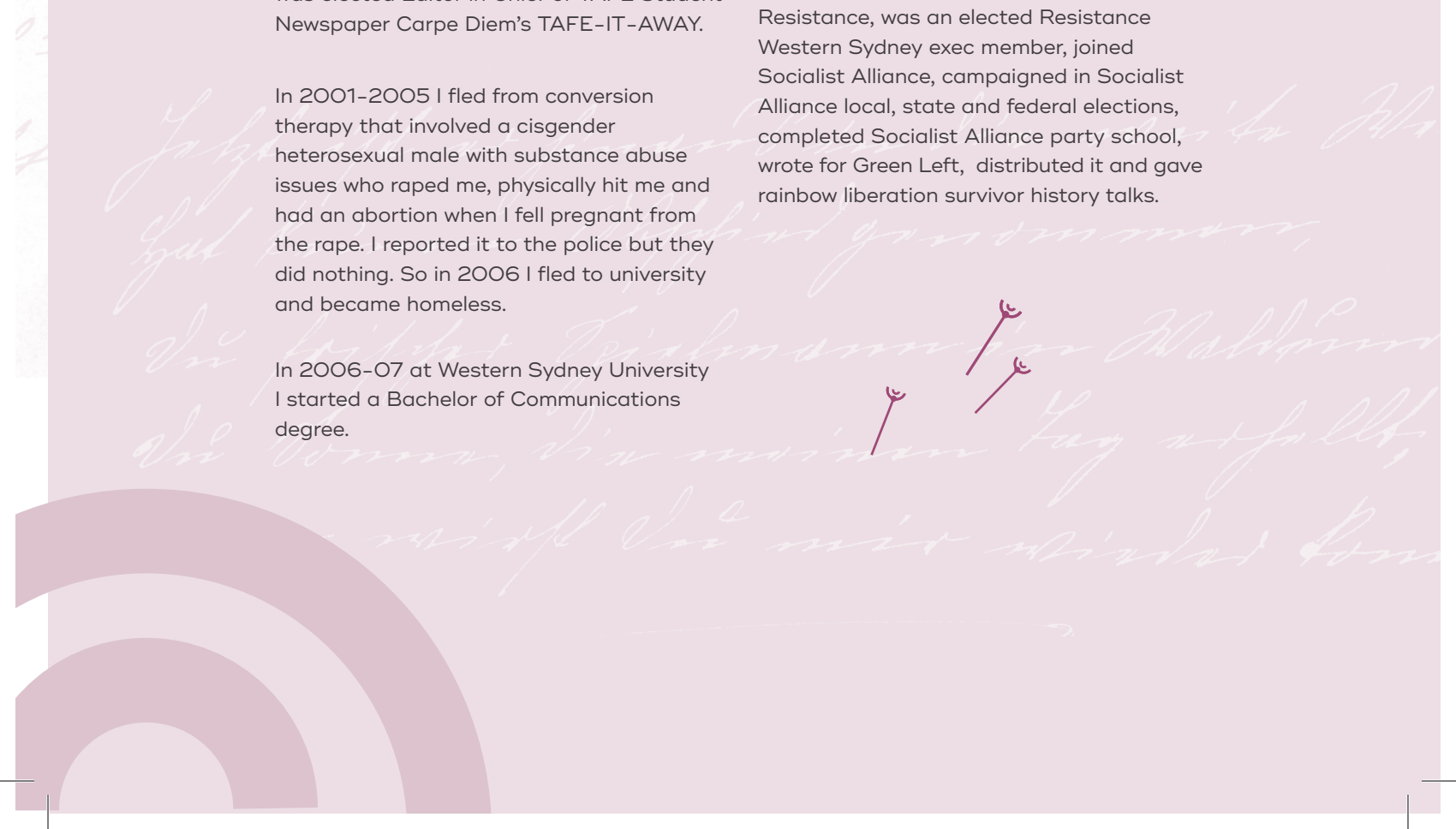
In 2006-07 at Western Sydney University I started a Bachelor of Communications degree.



Above: Socialist Alliance Federal Election Night 2007

In Jan 2006 I found Green Left in the UWS Student Association in Kingston, distributed Green Left freely, was an elected UWSSA Penrith queer officer, an elected UWSSA Cross campus queer officer, campaigned to Stop Voluntary Student Unionism, went to queer collaborations, organized university Pride week, created student diary blurbs, wrote for The Onion, campaigned for queer spaces and university safe schools ally programs.

In 2006 at queer collaborations I joined Resistance, was an elected Resistance Western Sydney exec member, joined Socialist Alliance, campaigned in Socialist Alliance local, state and federal elections, completed Socialist Alliance party school, wrote for Green Left, distributed it and gave rainbow liberation survivor history talks.







Above: WSU/Community Action for Rainbow Rights Sydney 2007

In 2006 I joined CARR Sydney, was an elected CARR Sydney Secretary, an elected CARR co-convenor, worked with CARR Blue Mountains, organized banner drops, organized two Mardi Gras UWS/CARR Sydney Equal Love, Equal Marriage Equal Word entries, organized queer blocks, campaigned for 13 years for Australian Marriage Equality, campaigned for transgender asexual rights, Adoption rights queer refugees, workers rights, education rights, stop police brutality protests, environment protests and revoking religious exemptions from the anti-discrimination act.

In 2007 I had a relationship with an Adelaide socialist queer Mel. We broke up on good terms to remain comrades. Since 24 December 2007 after an affordable housing campaign I live in a Housing NSW property.

In 2010–2012 I was part of Occupy Sydney/ Parramatta.

In 2010–2016 I was the ISJA Sydney poster, flyer creator for black families of the stop deaths in custody campaign.

In May 2008–26 May 2013 out of the no to pope protests I went to Crave MCC to study sexuality and gender liberation hermeneutics and explored dynamic inclusive progressive ministry. Since 28 September 2013 I am a CLACCA ULC ordained in America with The Universal Life Church Monastery, am ordained with The Universal Life Church Modesto California International Headquarters and organize my own dynamic inclusive progressive interfaith human rights church.

Since 2014 at Charles Sturt University school of Theology I have been completing a Bachelor of Theology degree. In 2015 in Penrith I had a relationship with a Christian queer and we broke up because they used my head as a punching bag.

In 2015 another church baptized me in a dead name when I didn't have legal ID and didn't know because nobody told me until I received 13 pages of my DOCS records I mentioned in Chapter 2.

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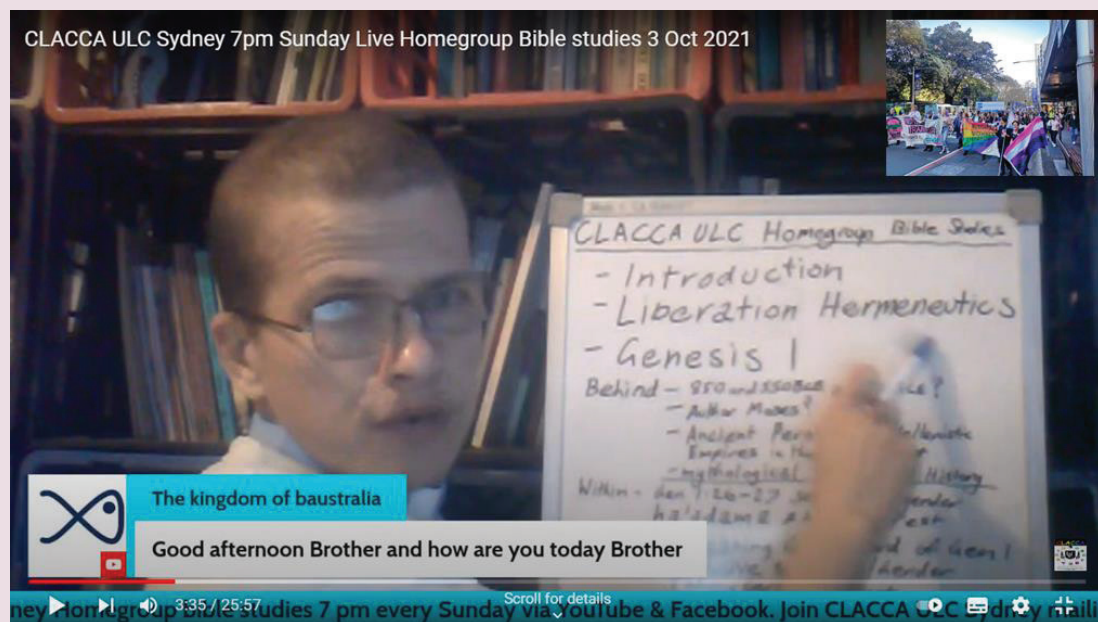
I did political theatre in a Christmas church play "LUC Actually". Since 2015 I study liberation hermeneutics with the school of discipleship. In 2015 I spoke at the Royal Commission into Institutionalized Childhood Abuse and since 2019 have a claim for National Redress.

Since May 2017 I teach weekly sexuality and gender liberation hermeneutics home group bible studies from my home address. In 2017 I was in the Film Riot the First Mardi Gras. In 2018 I had three heart attacks.

Since January 2019 I am a ULC Seminary student.

On 15 April 2019 I was medically recognized as transgender male and started testosterone. Since Easter 2020 I have a YouTube and Facebook weekly Sunday church channel as a CLACCA ULC ordained minister.

On 12 November 2020 I had free Trans male top surgery. On 23 March 2021 I had free Trans male hysterectomy and am on the waiting list for free Trans male bottom surgery. On 20 May 2020 Queensland Births deaths legally recognized my name Rev Comrade Rowley and on 8 January 2021 legally recognized me as transgender male and legally removed my dead name. While I have more to tell, as my life story for survivor justice, true equality and God's revolution of my people is not yet done. Just google my name, Mr Rev Comrade Rowley, for more info.



Above: Mr Rev Comrade Rowley

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Lacht ich er fruchtbar in die weite Welt  
hat keinen Abschied genommen,  
du freiest Spielmann in Walden  
du kommst, du meinst Tag und Nacht,  
was sich das mir wieder kommt





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